MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether any written statements were recorded?

PRESIDENT: That question has already been answered.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the names of the officers against whom allegations were made in the petition?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have stated more than once that the whole case is treated as confidential. I cannot therefore answer this question.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether any notice of suit has been received by Government in regard to this matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not quite sure about it. It may have been received.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether the Darbar Physician submitted first an interim report and then a final report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether some of the conclusions in the interim report were modified in the final report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Reports of Heads of Departments are confidential.

PRESIDENT: Question No. 226.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know——

PRESIDENT: I have called the next question.

Complaints against the authorities of the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum.

226. ***MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Darbar Physician has been asked by Government to enquire into the allegations contained in the petitions submitted by one Mr. K. R. Das, (Aloommood, Statue Road) to the Chief Secretary to Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Government gave any direction to the Darbar Physician in regard to the conduct of the enquiry?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was asked to enquire and submit a report; no special direction was given.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government thought it advisable to be satisfied with an enquiry by the Darbar Physician alone?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not follow the question.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government consider that a mere departmental enquiry by the Darbar Physician alone would be sufficient?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That was what the Government thought.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Darbar Physician is an expert in maternity matters?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether Government gave any endorsement or reply to the petitioner to the effect that his petition has been forwarded to the Darbar Physician and that he must await the result?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Am I to take it that he has not received any reply whatsoever?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know whether the Darbar Physician has sent him a reply. Government have not sent him any reply.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Did the Government issue any instruction to the Darbar Physician asking him to give a reply to the petitioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Did the Government suggest to the Darbar Physician that it would be desirable to give a hearing to the petitioner?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government did not make any such suggestion to the Darbar Physician; he was asked to enquire into the whole matter and submit a report.

Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum.

227. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are complaints in the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum, about the absence of proper attendance to the in-patients;

(*b*) whether one Srimathi Ponnamma, a Christian lady, was admitted in the Maternity Ward of the above hospital on the 16th December 1933 for a delivery case;

(*c*) whether there was any complaint or agitation in the Press that the above-mentioned patient was not properly attended to;

(*d*) whether the patient was removed to the Septic Ward from the Maternity Ward;

(*e*) whether the patient was operated upon; and

(*f*) whether the patient survived the operation or succumbed in the operation?

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